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In re: Patent Application of Edward T. Buford, III

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Examiner: R. Chin

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20321

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 26, 2009

This is in response to the Final Rejection mailed on February 26, 2009. In the referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 17 and 19-21 because the claims had improper status modifiers and/or were improperly amended.

Applicant has removed the improper status modifier by eliminating the term "Twice" from the Claims. Further, Applicant has corrected the manner of making amendments in accordance with MPEP 714, II. C. (B) i.e. added subject matter is shown with underlining and deleted subject matter shown with strike through.

Based upon the foregoing corrections, Applicant asserts that the claims are now in conformity with the requirements for examination. Moreover, Applicant believes that the claims, as written, are now in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicant has amended the claims. The amendments, as filed, are in form and substance identical to the amendments that were referred to in the Advisory Action dated February 26, 2009. Applicant believes these claims are allowable.